

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 6074, Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1509–S1614*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-three bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3394–3416, and S. Res. 531–535. **Pages S1597–98**

**Measures Reported:**

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2020”. (S. Rept. No. 116–223) **Page S1597**

**Measures Passed:**

***Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act:*** By 96 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 66), Senate passed H.R. 6074, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, by the order of the Senate of Wednesday, March 4, 2020, 60 Senators having voted in the affirmative, and after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Rejected:

Paul Amendment No. 1506, to rescind unobligated balances for certain international programs to offset the amounts appropriated in this bill to respond to the coronavirus outbreak. (By 81 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. 65), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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***United States Army Rangers Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act:*** Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 1757, to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States Army Rangers Veterans of World War II in recognition of their extraordinary service during World War II, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Ernst) Amendment No. 1524, in the nature of a substitute.

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***Child Care Protection Improvement Act:*** Senate passed S. 2683, to establish a task force to assist States in implementing hiring requirements for child care staff members to improve child safety, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Alexander) Amendment No. 1522, in the nature of a substitute.

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***Citizenship for Children of Military Members and Civil Servants Act:*** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4803, to facilitate the automatic acquisition of citizenship for lawful permanent resident children of military and Federal Government personnel residing abroad, and the bill was then passed.

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***Negro Leagues Baseball Centennial Commemorative Coin Act:*** Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 2321, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint a coin in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Negro Leagues baseball, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Blunt) Amendment No. 1523, in the nature of a substitute.

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***Major Medical Facility Authorization Act:*** Senate passed S. 3414, to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2020.

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***National ‘Slam the Scam’ Day:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 535, designating March 5, 2020, as “National ‘Slam the Scam’ Day” to raise awareness about the increasing number of government imposter scams, to encourage the implementation of policies

to prevent government imposter scams, and to encourage the improvement of protections from government imposter scams for the people of the United States. **Page S1614**

### Measures Considered:

**Advanced Geothermal Innovation Leadership Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of S. 2657, to support innovation in advanced geothermal research and development, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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#### Pending:

Murkowski Modified Amendment No. 1407, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1522–82**

Portman/Shahen Amendment No. 1514 (to Amendment No. 1407), to establish greater energy efficiency and cost-effectiveness in building codes. **Page S1582**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Murkowski Modified Amendment No. 1407 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, March 5, 2020, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2020. **Page S1582**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Murkowski Amendment No. 1407 (listed above). **Page S1582**

#### Withdrawn:

McConnell (for Ernst) Amendment No. 1419 (to Amendment No. 1407), to establish a grant program for training wind technicians. **Page S1522**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the bill at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, March 9, 2020; that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the motions to invoke cloture filed on Thursday, March 5, 2020 ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, March 9, 2020; and that the first-degree filing deadline with respect to the motions to invoke cloture filed on Thursday, March 5, 2020 be at 3:30 p.m., on Monday, March 9, 2020. **Page S1614**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13692 of March 8, 2015, with respect to the situation in Venezuela; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–50) **Page S1595**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Katherine Camille Henderson, of Tennessee, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as Chief of Protocol.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

5 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral. **Page S1614**

**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Katherine Camille Henderson, of Tennessee, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service, which was sent to the Senate on February 27, 2020. **Page S1614**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S1595**

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**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S1603–10**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S1610–11**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S1611**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—66) **Pages S1518, S1522**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:58 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1614.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from Wilbur Ross, Secretary of Commerce.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and